

LEADERS HOPE TO
VOTE ON CURRENCY
BILL WEDNESDAY

Fair Progress Made on the Measure in Senate Yesterday

SEVERAL SPEECHES
DURING SESSION

Hollis, Cummins, Stone, Newlands and Borah Lead Activities.—The Regional Reserve System Is Defended by Hollis

Washington, December 12.—The Senate made fair progress today and tonight in the debate of the currency bill, but no further steps were taken toward reaching an agreement for final vote. Senate leaders were still in hope that speeches could be concluded and amendments disposed of in time for a vote on the passage of the bill next Wednesday. Today was spent in listening to set speeches by Senators Hollis, Cummins, Stone, Newlands and Borah.

Senator Hollis, a democratic member of the banking committee, who joined in the preparation of the Owen bill, defended the regional reserve system and bank ownership of stock.

Many Want Banks

"The time may come," he said, "when we may wish to incorporate a great federal bank with stock owned by people in general, dealing directly with the people, and competing with our present banks. But at present we are not addressing ourselves to that problem. We are attempting to provide institutions in which existing banks may place their reserves with safety and yet have the use of them to a reasonable extent."

"If people in general are permitted to take all the stock, there will be no responsible ownership upon which an efficient double liability may be used. Since the government deposits are to be entrusted to the reserve banks, the responsibility should be completed. The argument for a 'bank of the people' sounds most attractive, but every national bank is that already."

Efforts are to be made by the Senate leaders to have general debate concluded as nearly as possible by Monday in the hope that disposition of amendments will then progress rapidly.

An attempt by Senator Owen late tonight to fix a vote for the currency bill brought an instant objection in the Senate from Senator Bristow. Senator Owen interrupted the debate to ask if an agreement could be made for a vote tomorrow night.

"Do you mean that you want a final vote on the entire bill tomorrow night?" demanded Senator Bristow.

"That is what I would like unless there is objection," said Senator Owen.

"Well there certainly is objection," returned Mr. Bristow.

Objects to Vote

Senator Owen then asked if there was objection to a vote Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday night. In each case Senator Bristow emphatically declared "there is."

Senate leaders were still hopeful at adjournment that argument on the bill could be completed early next week and an agreement then reached for a vote.

Senator Cummins concluded his speech, attacking the bill as unconstitutional, because it sought to take private property of national banks in violation of the guarantees given in the federal constitution.

Senator Shafroth insisted the requirements made of national banks were simply provisions of a public character to make their business safer. He believed no feature of the bill would be held unconstitutional.

WOULD ABOLISH
PLUCKING BOARD

Washington, December 12.—To abolish the so-called plucking board which each year arbitrarily puts a certain number of naval officers on the retired list, Representative Tribble of Georgia today introduced a bill. He declared the board was crippling the efficiency of the navy by taking efficient officers from an active list.

MAN CONFESSES TO
ROBBERY CHURCHES

Cincinnati, December 12.—A confession by a prisoner arrested the police here today that he had robbed 27 churches during the year 1913. In his statement the man estimated he obtained about \$500 from contribution boxes.

READS CONFESSION
OF HANS SCHMIDTInspector Who Arrested the
Priest Placed on Stand
in Murder Trial

New York, December 12.—Hans Schmidt's confession of the murder of Anna Ammiller was read today into the record of his trial by Police Inspector Faurot, in command of the detective bureau. It was Faurot who arrested Schmidt, and to him the one-time priest told the story of his crime.

Leaving the witness chair, Faurot stepped before the jury box and with dramatic gesture and word re-enacted the scene of the confession. From his seat in the prisoner's dock, Schmidt viewed the unusual procedure with unchanged stolidity of expression.

"I slapped Schmidt on the back when I first saw him," said the inspector, "and said, 'come now, tell us the whole truth about the thing.' Schmidt sank into a chair, buried his face in his hands and began to cry. Present he said, 'I killed her because I loved her.'"

"Before we left, Schmidt tried to embrace Father Quinn, who was with us, but Father Quinn avoided him. Father Quinn asked, 'Are you a regularly ordained priest of God?' and Schmidt replied, 'I was ordained by Saint Elizabeth.'"

NEW YORK ASSEMBLY
COMPLETES PASSAGE
OF GLENN'S BILLS

Only Slight Opposition to Measures Evidenced, Most Republicans Supporting Them—Workmen's Compensation Bill Passed

Albany, N. Y., December 12.—The legislature tonight completed the passage of all of Governor Glenn's bills and adjourned sine die. Tomorrow probably, the governor will sign the measures, all of which, except that relating to workmen's compensation, will become effective immediately. The workmen's compensation bill will not take effect until January 1.

Only slight opposition was made in the assembly to the bills, the republicans supporting most of the measures.

The principal bills passed provide for compulsory workmen's compensation for all hazardous employments; direct primaries; Massachusetts ballot; direct nomination and election of United States senators; a constitutional convention; and paying the expenses of the Sulzer impeachment trial.

For the latter purpose \$100,000 was appropriated. Of this sum \$50,000 is to compensate the counsel of the assembly board of managers. The board of managers gets \$50,000 for expenses while \$50,000 is to be divided among Governor Sulzer's counsel.

A spirited debate preceded passage of the workmen's compensation bill in the senate. Republican Leader Brown attacked the measure, saying:

"I predict that the first time the bill is put into operation the state will go up into the air. The expenses of its operation in two years will amount to \$1,000,000 a year."

STEALS 10 CENTS;
MUST SERVE YEAR

Chicago Postal Clerk Made Example Of by Judge—Took 10 Cents From Letter

Chicago, December 12.—Sentence of one year in the house of correction for the theft of 10 cents from a letter was imposed on Edward Dubois by Federal Judge Landis today. Dubois was a postal clerk.

"There is a certain proportion of postal clerks dishonest," said Judge Landis. "Just as there is a certain proportion of dishonest men in the pulpit and at the bar. If I let this man go free, the afore-said proportion of dishonest clerks might carry off the whole postoffice in 10 days from the basement."

HIRE SUBSTITUTES TO
SERVE PRISON TERMS

New York Police Unearth System Whereby Men Sell Time as Prison Substitutes

New York, December 12.—The police today discovered a system whereby they believe minor criminals sentenced to short terms have been able to hire others to take their places in prison. An investigation was started when a pickpocket, who had been started on his way to Blackwell's island December 1, was found walking about this city. It is said that many young men of work during the winter are willing to sell their time as prison substitutes. Thus far the police have not found where the substitutions are made.

OFFICERS OF OIL
COMPANY ACQUITTED

Los Angeles, Cal., December 12.—After deliberating more than 36 hours, the jury in federal court trying officers of the defunct Cleveland Oil company on charges of having used the mails to defraud, returned a verdict today of not guilty. The defendants thus freed are Thomas Montgomery, Grant G. Gillette and John Montgomery, Jr., of Los Angeles, and Edson France of Columbus, O.

The indictments were returned two years ago, when the Cleveland Oil company, formed by a coterie of Los Angeles and Ohio men, collapsed.

\$14,000 TO BE GIVEN
GAILLARD'S WIDOW

Washington, December 12.—In recognition of the distinguished services of the late Lieut. Col. David D. Gaillard, United States army, as a member of the isthmian canal commission, the House today passed a bill to appropriate \$14,000, the equivalent of a year's salary of a commissioner, for Mrs. Gaillard. Representative Adamson of Georgia, chairman of the interstate and foreign commerce committee, presented the bill and it was passed immediately.

Germany Accepts Invitation

Berlin, December 12.—Germany today signified her acceptance of the invitation sent to her by the United States government to send warships to represent her at the opening of the Panama canal. She will communicate at a later period the composition of the squadron.

LEADERS TO CONFER
ON APPROPRIATIONS

Speaker, Clark Calls Meeting to Discuss General Situation

Washington, December 12.—House leaders will confer in Speaker Clark's office tomorrow with a view of keeping appropriations bills down to the lowest possible limit and expediting the reporting of these measures. The speaker called the conference in a letter addressed to the various committees authorized to present appropriations. He asked the chairman and ranking democrat of each committee to meet Majority Leader Underwood and himself to discuss the general situation.

Speaker Clark said tonight that the purpose of the conference was to urge early reports on appropriation bills so that Congress might get away from Washington some time next summer. "Of course," he said, "we intend, if we can without doing injustice to any department or service of the government to keep the appropriations within the estimated revenues and we think we can do it."

"We have been here since April 7, and the speaker we get there, and the appropriations bills out of the way the quicker we can adjourn. The rumor that we are fearful that there will be a deficit is absolutely unfounded. For I am satisfied the Underwood bill will bring in more revenue than did the Payne bill."

ADMIRAL FLETCHER ORDERS REBELS AND
FEDERALS AT TAMPICO TO CEASE FIRING

Proper Place for Vagrants

PROHIBITIONISTS
CONDEMN ACTION
OF R. P. HOBSON

Injection of Personal Grievances Into Prohibition Discussion Causes Outspoken Disapproval

By C. E. STEWART.
Washington, December 12.—(Special.) The aftermath of Hobson's unexpected and sensational attack upon Representative Underwood yesterday ought not to be pleasing to the hero of the Merrimac. While many members of the Anti-Saloon league and other temperance organizations were non-committal on the political turn that Hobson gave the presentation of their petition to the House, many of them were outspoken in their disapproval of the manner in which Hobson exploited his own cause, to the injury of the cause for which he was supposed to be working.

There is no doubt but what many of them believe that Hobson hurt the prohibitionists and minimized the effect of their monster petition for a constitutional amendment. There is no doubt but his action was disapproved by Congress and that he aroused the antagonism of the body at whose hands he was asking the consideration of the petition of the temperance people.

Others, while not criticizing Hobson, (Continued on Page Eleven)

"MONA LISA" FOUND IN FLORENCE, ITALY;
MYSTERY OF TWO YEARS' STANDING SOLVED

Famous Portrait Taken From Louvre in 1911 Is Found in Italy—The Thief Says Motive Was Revenge

Florence, Italy, December 12.—"Mona Lisa," Leonardo Da Vinci's great painting, which was stolen from the Louvre, in Paris, more than two years ago, has been found. It is now in the hands of the Italian authorities and will be returned to France.

"Mona Lisa," or "La Joconde," as it is more popularly known, the most celebrated portrait of a woman ever painted, has been the object of exhaustive search in all quarters of the globe. The mystery of its abstraction from the Louvre, its great intrinsic value and the strange fascination of the smile of the woman it portrayed—Lisa Del Giocondo—the wife of a wealthy Florentine—have combined to keep alive interest in its recovery.

The picture was recovered under curious circumstances. An Italian wrote to Signor Geri, an antiquary of Florence, some weeks ago, saying:

"I am in possession of the missing Mona Lisa, but being a patriotic Italian I desire that it shall remain in Florence, the center of Italian art."

Signed Letter "Leonard," and the antiquary at first paid small attention to it, thinking he had to deal with a madman. Later, however, he communicated with Dr. Fogli, director of the Florentine museums, who suggested that he continue the correspondence with the man. This was (Continued on Page Eleven)

LONE BANDIT ROBS
SOUTHERN PACIFIC
Hides in Express Car and
Secures \$2000 Near
New Orleans

New Orleans, December 12.—An unknown robber concealed himself aboard the express car of a Southern Pacific train leaving here tonight at 11:30 o'clock, knocked the express messenger unconscious and escaped with a package containing \$2000. The discovery was made at Harahan, a railroad ferry 10 miles up the river. A special train with deputy sheriffs departed for Harahan shortly after midnight.

"That the robber intended to attempt to get \$100,000 which went out on a Southern Pacific train earlier in the night, was the belief of L. C. Lord, the injured express messenger, who was brought to a hospital here tonight.

"I was talking with a man named Vincent at the station just before my train left," said Lord. "Vincent introduced me to a man named Fleming as a fellow Canadian and a railroad man. A few miles out of the city I felt a blow on the head and collapsed to the floor. When I regained consciousness this man Fleming was standing over me, beating me with a club that had a large iron nut on the end."

Took Keys From Pocket
"He took the keys from my pocket, unlocked the safe and took out two packages of \$200 each and jumped from the car near Harahan. I believe he hung onto the rail at the side door, which was not (Continued on Page Eleven)

REPUBLICANS WOULD
CHANGE METHOD OF
NAMING DELEGATES

Congressional Campaign Committee Meets in Washington—Favors a National Convention

Washington, December 12.—The national republican congressional campaign committee went on record here today as favoring a special national convention of the republican party next year, and endorsed three plans as suggestions for reappointment of delegate representation to future conventions.

It was resolved by the committee, called together by its chairman, Representative Woods of Iowa, that in its judgment:

"A special national convention of the republican party should be held as soon as practicable for the purpose of taking action relative to the apportionment of delegates to the national nominating convention of the party; to the unit of representation; to the full recognition of the primary laws of the various states pertaining to the election of delegates and members of the national committee, and the time when the latter shall take office, and to such other matters as may seem desirable."

This resolution will be submitted to the (Continued on Page Eleven)

FAMOUS PICTURE FOUND



LA JOCONDE (MONA LISA)
World famous painting by Leonardo Da Vinci, valued by French government at over \$5,000,000, which was stolen from the Louvre in 1911 and which was found yesterday in Florence.

HOSTILITIES CEASE
UNDER THREAT OF
AMERICAN ADMIRAL

Fighting At Seaport Stopped After Both Sides Take Part In Aggressive Firing—Big Oil Tanks of Port Injured

BRYAN AND DANIELS REFUSE TO COMMENT UPON ACTION. ADMIRAL WILL USE DISCRETION

2000 Federals Under Protection of Gunboat Awaiting Advance of Attacking Rebels. Much Property Destroyed By Constitutional Troops

Mexico City, December 12.—Rear Admiral Fletcher, commander of the American naval forces in Mexican waters, today ordered the rebels and federals fighting at Tampico to cease firing, threatening to open up on them with the guns of the gunboat Wheeling if his order was not obeyed. Both sides complied with the order.

This information is contained in a dispatch received tonight by Sir Lionel Carden, the British minister, from Rear Admiral Sir Christopher Craddock, of the British cruiser Berwick, which is lying off Tampico.

The federals hold the center of the town of Tampico and the water front. Rear Admiral Fletcher has ordered foreigners to take refuge on board ships, or to congregate on the water front where they will be under the protection of his guns.

FLETCHER GIVEN
OWN DISCRETION

Washington, December 12.—Instructions to Rear Admiral Fletcher have been of a general character and he has been expected to use his own discretion in protecting foreigners and their property. Secretary Bryan had retired when press dispatches telling of Admiral Fletcher's action at Tampico were received.

Up to midnight, the only wireless messages that had been received from Rear Admiral Fletcher by the navy department were those dated 10 p. m. today, which stated that the fighting continued without change in the relative positions of either side.

DANIELS REFUSES TO
MAKE STATEMENT

Baltimore, December 12.—Secretary of the Navy Daniels, who was a guest at the dinner here tonight of the North Carolina society, when shown the dispatch from Mexico City, said he had received no word from Admiral Fletcher and did not care to make any comment on his action until the admiral was heard from. The secretary said that Admiral Fletcher had been kept in Mexican waters beyond his time because President Wilson and the secretary had the utmost confidence in the admiral's discretion.

Mexico City, December 12.—Two thousand federals at Tampico, protected by the shells of the gunboat Bravo, more than by their own efforts, were waiting late today for a forward movement of the rebels or some other maneuvers that might decide the fate of the seaport. The fighting, which began two days ago, was then continuing, and the best indications were that it might last another day or even longer.

How many rebels are engaged in the attack on Tampico is not known, but it is estimated that their number is at least twice that of the federals, and their operations indicate that they expect more men from Victoria, capital of the state of Tamaulipas, which lies half way between Tampico and Monterey to the north.

The rebels, who are in possession of the railroad yards and shops and large stores of material and equipment, actually have detached from their lines sufficient men to undertake repairing the railroad north and west from Tampico toward Victoria.

The damage that has been done this line, while enough to prevent the operation of trains, is not so great that it will long delay a resumption of traffic. Most of the destroyed bridges, being small ones, they easily can be replaced. Repairs to the road southward from Victoria also are being rushed, and it is not improbable that the rebels will be able to transport fresh troops and additional artillery supplies in time to use them at Tampico before the government can get reinforcements to the port. Occasional shells fell in the heart of Tampico during the day and bullets (Continued on Page Eleven)

TODAY'S AGE-HERALD

- 1.—Fair progress on currency bill. Fletcher orders rebels and federals to cease fighting.
- 2.—Prohibitionists condemn Hobson.
- 3.—Lone bandit holds up train.
- 4.—1,195,000 bales of cotton in state in 1912-13.
- 5.—Eric canal to Ohio river growing in favor.
- 6.—Editorial comment.
- 7.—Developments in police situation coming fast.
- 8.—Streit appointed lieutenant under chief detective.
- 9.—Law approving increase in telephone rates repealed.
- 10.—Morning medley of day's doings.
- 11.—Society.
- 12.—Sports.
- 13.—Henderson defends position on "spoils system."
- 14.—Alabama woman's auxiliary wishes to co-operate.
- 15.—Better feeling in iron and steel.
- 16.—Marks & Gayle ask receivership.
- 17.—Markets.
- 18.—Flood and Davis tell of giving campaign funds.

from rifles and machine guns were numerous enough to make it advisable that all residents not engaged in the operations seek cover. For the most part the firing was limited to the artillery of the rebels and the guns of the British.

The rebels hold the area between Tampico proper and the coast, including Dona Cecilia and Arbol Grande, suburbs, where are located the storage oil tanks of the Waters-Pierce company, the Cowdry interests and the Huasteca company. The Waters-Pierce refinery is at Arbol Grande. The Cowdrays also have a refinery there, but it is not yet in operation.

According to reports received here the rebels have not damaged any property, but they are bringing especially that from the city of the waters-Pierce company, the Cowdrays and the Huasteca company. The Waters-Pierce refinery is at Arbol Grande. The Cowdrays also have a refinery there, but it is not yet in operation.

The federals have their position in the part of the city behind a triangle formed by the Panuco river, which is really the city's harbor, and the canal running into it between the city and the coast. Just below the mouth of the canal, and above Dona Cecilia lies the Bravo. The rebels are utilizing a hill about 300 feet high in attempting to land shells on the Bravo, which in turn is trying to render their positions untenable. To the west or rear of the city the federals have a defense in the Tamesi river, which also flows into the Panuco, a stream not easily crossed.

Trains entering Tampico from the west do so over a draw-bridge which the federals are keeping open. No rebels have yet appeared on that side of the city, to the wonderment of the government observers. The track of the government has been repaired and two train loads of refugees were taken out of the town today. Failure of the rebels to throw out the federals from the city has enabled the government to materially strengthen the garrison of Tampico. Three train loads of troops were run into the town from the west.

The meagre information available here (Continued on Page Eleven)

SUNDAY'S AGE-HERALD

Among the special features in tomorrow's Age-Herald will be the following: Morgan continues his story, "In the Path of Napoleon 100 Years After His Downfall." Tomorrow's story tells of the great Emperor's early boyhood and school days.

Bill Viner writes tomorrow on "Underwood's Successor, the Big Contest Between Oratory and Dignity."

Frank G. Carpenter writes on "Our Mohammedans in the Philippines."

Richard Spillane takes as his subject, "The Poor of Wall Street Today Are the Rich of Yesterday."

C. F. Markell's subject is "The Race That Welcomed Adam from Eden."

Scott E. Chesnut writes on "Eureka Mine Once More Yielding Its Fine Product."

"A Classic in a Page" is "Athalie," by Jeanne Baptiste Racine.

Articles by women writers will include the following: "In Tune With Bells of Christmas-tide," by Dolly Dalrymple.

"The Christmas Spirit," by Karl Kaffer.

"Geiger High School, Another Consolidated School of Sumter County," by Flora Milner Harrison.

"When John Entertains Francis," by Marian Holland.

"A Letter from a Woman Who Sinned," by Mrs. J. B. Reid.

On the editorial feature page will be the following:

"Lafayette's Departure from Alabama," by B. F. Riley.

"Tabulae of Philosophy in Fiction," No. 1, by Dr. W. E. Evans.

"Heart to Heart Talks," by James N. Lurie.

"The Career of a Camera," by Osborn Marshall.

"Mystics, Ancient and Modern," by Dr. George Eaves.

Special articles from European capitals will include:

Rome, "Thirty-seven Killed in Terrible Italian Vendetta," by H. S. Oswald.

London, "Larkin and Larkinson," by an English observer.

London, "Rich Relatives May Save Poor Princess Mary from Marriage for Money," by Louis Hyde.

Other features will be up to the usual high standard, including the comic section in colors, the children's department, the fashion pages and the news from all the world as gathered by the Associated Press and printed only in the Sunday Age-Herald in Birmingham.